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No. 240.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

NOW ON VIEW.

(FOR THE XMAS. MAIL, LEAVING HONGKONG 20TH NOVEMBER.)

A VERY CHOICE ASSORTMENT

OF
CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR,
AND
BIRTHDAY CARDS,
Selected in the Best Houses of
LONDON AND NEW YORK.

In the most Lovely Shades and Tints, and for
Design and Artistic Finish Unequalled by
any yet Shown.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000)
The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.
WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 293,553.95
TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th
May, 1882.....Tls. 943,553.95

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq. | Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq. | G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.
LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current
Rates, allowing usual discounts.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL £2,000,000; PAID-UP.....£200,000.
PAID UP RESERVED FUND.....£50,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [165]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LEE YAT LAY, Esq.
LO YOK MOON, Esq. | CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.
MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at
Current Rates to all parts of the world.
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [501]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 2nd November, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the
Premises,

By Order of the MORTGAGEE.
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
abutting on Gap Street, and the REMAIN-
ING PORTION of SECTION A measuring
22 feet 1 inch, on the Eastern and Western
sides 50 feet, and is Registered in the Land
Office as the REMAINING PORTION of
the Northern Portion of SECTION A of
INLAND LOT No. 416.

AND,
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
abutting on Gap Street, and on the RE-
MAINING PORTION of SUB-SECTION
No. 1 of SECTION B measuring 21 feet
and 3 inches, on the Eastern and Western
sides 50 feet, and is Registered in the Land
Office as the Northern Portion of SUB-
SECTION No. 7 of SECTION B of IN-
LAND LOT No. 416. Held for the term
of 99 years.

Together with the 3 HOUSES, erected thereon
Nos. 6, 7 and 8, in Gap Street.
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [708]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from H.M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to Sell
by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,
the 7th November, 1882, at NOON, at
H.M. Naval Yard,

SUNDRY CONDEMNED STORES, &c.,
comprising—
OLD IRON, INDIA RUBBER, CANVAS,
RAGS, PAPER STUFF, BISCUITS, CHOCO-
LATE, IRON MEASURES, BLOCKS,
APPARATUS FOR CLEANING SHIPS'
BOTTOMS, &c., &c.

TERMS—Cash.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1882. [721]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY,
IN JERVOIS STREET & QUEEN'S ROAD,
CENTRAL.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auc-
tion, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 15th day of November, 1882, at THREE P.M.,
on the Premises,—

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
1ST LOT—ONE HOUSE in Jervois Street, No.
68, and ONE HOUSE in Queen's Road
Central, No. 201, measuring North 15 feet,
South 17 feet, East 55 feet, West 64 feet or
885 square feet. Yearly Crown Rent
£2.16.2. Registered as INLAND LOT No.
117, for 999 years from the 26th June, 1843.
2ND LOT—ONE HOUSE in Jervois Street, No.
70, and ONE HOUSE in Queen's Road
Central, No. 203, measuring on the North
15 feet, South 17 feet, East 64 feet, West 72
feet, or 1,100 square feet. Yearly
Crown Rent £3.11.7, for 999 years from the
10th September, 1845.

3RD LOT—ONE HOUSE in Jervois Street, No.
72, and ONE HOUSE in Queen's Road
Central, No. 205, measuring on the North
15 feet, South 16 feet, East 62 feet,
West 79 feet, or 1,100 square feet. Yearly
Crown Rent £3.11.7, for 999 years from the
26th June, 1843.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
apply to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [710]

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A SECOND INTERIM BONUS of FIVE
per cent. upon CONTRIBUTIONS, and a
SECOND DIVIDEND of THIRTY DOLLARS per
Share for the year 1881, will be payable on
SATURDAY, the 28th instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the
Office of the Society on and after that date.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th October, 1882. [719]

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the
Society's Head Office, Hongkong, on SATUR-
DAY, the 11th day of November, 1882, at 12
O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of Confirming
as Special Resolutions the Resolutions for the
Amendment of the Society's Articles of Associa-
tion passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Society held on FRIDAY, the
27th day of October, 1882.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, dated the 28th day of October, 1882.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON
AERATED WATERS.
7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
(Opposite the City Hall)

Having lately Purchased the entire Machinery
of the late Mr. E. CHASTEL'S
SODA WATER FACTORY
is now prepared to execute the largest orders
for every description of Aerated Waters with
promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY
I S. G. U. A. R. A. N. T. E. E. D.
Consumers should try those carefully
Manufactured
SPARKLING WATERS.
THREE DOZEN FOR ONE DOLLAR.

All Orders and Communications should be ad-
dressed to The Factory,
7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,
Hongkong, 11th April, 1882. [223]

Intimations.

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

FOR BOOKS, STATIONERY, MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FANCY GOODS,
ARTISTS MATERIALS, &c., &c., &c.

W. BREWER.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ALL the Newest Books in every Department of Literature. Every variety of Stationery,
including Mercantile and Fancy Note and Letter Papers of every description;
Visiting, Menu and Programme Cards in great variety.
Account Books, Ledgers, Cash Books, &c., &c., of European Manufacture.
All the Newest Music of the day by the most Popular Composers.
Sole Agents for Kirkman's celebrated Pianos, Concertinas, Accordions, and Antophones.
Every description of Fancy Goods and Smoker's Sundries.
A fine assortment of Christmas Cards and Motocoes. Lett's and Smith's Diaries for 1883.
Printing and Bookbinding in all their Branches.
Price Lists of Magazines and Newspapers may be had on application.
The Discount System will be introduced as far as practicable in the East, and 10 per cent. will be
ALLOWED OFF ALL GOODS FOR CASH.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1882. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

TO Clear Old Stock, the following are offered for a short period at greatly reduced rates:—
TWO SHILLING NOVELS
BY
OUIDA, BESANT AND RICE, PAYN, COLLINS, &c.
AT
FIFTY CENTS EACH.
T A U C H I N I T Z N O V E L S
AT
THIRTY CENTS EACH.
F R E N C H N O V E L S
BY
EMINENT NOVELISTS,
AND
BOUND VOLUMES OF ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS AND PUNCH FROM 1864 TO 1878,
AT VERY CHEAP PRICES.
S. MEYERS,
Manager. [661]

SAYLE & CO.

WE HAVE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL SHOW
OF
FANCY GOODS SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS, ON AND AFTER
T O M O R R O W T U E S D A Y .
THE 24TH OCTOBER, 1882.

CLOCKS, DRESSING CASES,
WRITING DESKS AND CABINETS,
INK STANDS AND BLOTTERS,
ORNAMENTAL PLUSH BRACKETS,
ILLUMINATED ALBUMS,
WHATNOT ORNAMENTS,
CHRISTMAS CARDS, &c., &c.

ALSO ONE CASE OF TOYS,
The whole comprise one of the best selections ever shown in China and are marked at Prices which
must command an early Sale.

ALL NEW GOODS.
A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
S A Y L E & C O .
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [659]

J. ULLMANN & CO.

42, QUEEN'S ROAD.
HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT
OF
GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES and CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS OF ALL KINDS,
BAROMETERS, THERMOMETERS, ANEMOMETERS, SPECTACLES, EYE-GLASSES, &c.
BY THE BEST MAKERS, and at LOW PRICES.

GENTLEMEN'S PARISIAN MADE SHIRTS, SCARVES, AND COLLARS
IN THE NEWEST STYLES.
F R E N C H B O O T S A N D S H O E S
OF BEST QUALITY.

MEERSCHAUM-PIERS, CIGAR CASES AND HOLDERS,
ALBUMS, INKSTANDS, POCKET-BOOKS.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STATIONERY.
CROCKERY WARE, TEA AND COFFEE SETS,
RIFLES, FOWLING PIECES, AND REVOLVERS.
A CHOICE SELECTION OF PINAUD'S BEST PERFUMERY.
&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [660]

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.
DRAPERY DEPARTMENT.
SHEETINGS, TOILET, and MARSELLA QUILTS.
TABLE CLOTHS also TABLE DAMASK BY THE YARD.
TABLE COVERS and CLOTH COVERING BY THE YARD.
TABLE NAPKINS and TRAY CLOTHS.
ANTIMACASSARS, CRUMB CLOTHS,
HUCKABACKS, TURKISH TOWELS,
BATH BLANKETS and WRAPPERS.

ALSO,
WHITE COTTON TERRY BY THE YARD,
TOWELS, WRAPPERS, and BATH BLANKETS.
SWISS and SCOTCH BOOK MUSLINS,
NAINSOOKS, LAWNs,
&c., &c., &c., &c.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.
WHITE LONGCLOTH SHIRTS WITH and WITHOUT COLLARS.
UNDERSHIRTS, SMEDLEY'S MERINO and BALBRIGGAN,
INDIA GAUZE, THE NEW-NETTED, SILK AND COTTON,
SPUN SILK and OTHERS.

HALF HOSE, WELL ASSORTED IN COTTON, MERINO, SILK, &c.
UMBRELLAS and WALKING STICKS.
COLLARS, SHAPES OF PREVAILING FASHION.
HANDKERCHIEFS.
CHRISTIE'S FELT HATS.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OUR FIRST PARCEL OF
K I D G L O V E S .
LADIES 2, 4, 6, and 8. BUTTONS and GENTS 2. BUTTONS.

TRAVELLING TRUNKS.
R O S E A N D C O M P A N Y ,
31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1882. [579]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

BY KIND PERMISSION

OF
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HOBSON,
THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS

OF
"THE BUFFS,"

WILL GIVE
TWO PERFORMANCES,
ON
MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS,
THE 6TH and 7TH NOVEMBER,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN
of the late Mr. Boyd, Head Commissariat Clerk.

The Performance on TUESDAY, the 7th Nov.,
will be under the Patronage of
THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE ADMINISTRATOR
AND
GENERAL SARGENT, C.B.

The Performance will commence with
TOM TAYLOR'S CELEBRATED FARCE
"A FLIGHTED BEING,"
AND
CONCLUDE WITH H. J. BYRON'S WELL
KNOWN BURLESQUE
"THE LADY OF LYONS."

The Music for the Burlesque has been arranged
by Mr. H. QUINN, Bandmaster of
"THE BUFFS," introducing all
the popular airs of the day.

The Band of "THE BUFFS" will play between
the Pieces. A
Doors open at 8.30. To commence at NINE
O'CLOCK.

P R I C E S :
FIRST NIGHT.
Dress Circle.....\$2.00.
Stalls.....\$1.00.
Pit.....\$0.50.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, Half Price to
Stalls and Pit.

SECOND NIGHT.
Dress Circle and Stalls.....\$2.00.
Pit.....\$1.00.

The Plan may be seen and Seats secured at
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S,
Hongkong, 26th October, 1882. [714]

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Officer Administering the Government
INVITES RESIDENTS of HONGKONG
who may be desirous of forming themselves into a
NEW CORPS of HONGKONG VOLUN-
TEERS to send in their Names to the ACTING
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

It is proposed that a CORPS of VOLUNTEER
ARTILLERY should be formed to be commanded
by an Officer of the Royal Artillery whose Ser-
vices will, by permission of His Excellency the
MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDING, be available
for this purpose in the event of a sufficient num-
ber of Names being enrolled.

Information respecting the assistance which
Government is prepared to offer with the view
of encouraging the formation of a New CORPS
will be obtained on Application to the ACTING
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 27th October, 1882. [716]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to
send in to this Office a List of their CON-
TRIBUTIONS of PREMIA, from the 11th day
of May to the 31st day of December, 1881, in
Order that the Proportion of Profit for that year
to be paid as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS
may be arranged. Returns not sent in before
the 30th November next will be made up by the
Company, and no subsequent claims or altera-
tions will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1882. [645]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"GAELIC,"
from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for Countersigna-
ture and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer, will
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1882. [193]

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"ANTONIO,"
Captain Seaborn, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to the
Undersigned for Countersignature and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer
will be at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be
effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Yoko-
hama, unless notice to the contrary be given
before 4 P.M., TO-DAY, the 25th instant.
All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 4th
November, or they will not be recognised.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th October, 1882. [713]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR HONGHONG AND PAKHOI.

THE Steamship

"PING-ON,"

Captain McCaslin, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 1st November,
at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. [723]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"PANDORA,"

Captain G. Sturli, will be despatched as above
on or about the 4th prox.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1882. [707]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE "1. British Ship

"LOTHAIR,"

Boulton, Master, will load here for the above
Ports, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 6th October, 1882. [673]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE "A. 1. British Ship

"RUTHIN,"

Monkman, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 21st September, 1882. [640]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE "100 A. 1. British Ship

"ROCKHURST,"

Bullford, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1882. [626]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE "3/3 L. 1. American Ship

"PHINEAS FENDLETON,"

Laflin, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1882. [697]

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO,
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE;
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"GAELIC,"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yoko-
hama, on TUESDAY, the 7th November, at
THREE P.M.

Connection being made at Yokohama with
Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at the
Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day pre-
vious to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Fran-
cisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within
six months will be allowed a discount of 20 per
cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within
one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be
made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year, will be
issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return
Fare. These allowances do not apply to through
fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Intimations.

GARDEN SEEDS.

SEASON 1882-3.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

HAVE LATELY RECEIVED
AND
OPENED
OUTTHEIR NEW SEASON'S
SUPPLY OF
VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

CATALOGUES SUPPLIED ON APPLICATION.

VEGETABLE PARCEL OF 50 PACKETS,

PRICE \$7.50.

FLOWER PARCEL, PRICE \$10.00.

FLOWER PARCEL HALF SIZE, PRICE, \$5.00.

SINGLE PACKETS AT PRICES
AS PER LIST.A. S. WATSON & Co.,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG. [431]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff. Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1882.

SCIENTIFIC newspapers received on Saturday bring us the first particulars from home about the Comet. According to them, it would appear that the honour of its discovery, so far as was known up to September 22nd, may be shared between M. CRULS, director of the Observatory at Rio de Janeiro, and Captain MARKHAM, of H.M.S. *Triumph*, when at or near Madeira, both of whom detected it on the same day, September 12th, and very soon telegraphed their discoveries to England. M. CRULS announced that it was visible to the naked eye in the morning sky, and that its position at 5h. 14m. a.m. (Rio mean time) on the 12th was in Right Ascension 9h. 48m., and Declination 2 deg. 1min. South; that is to say, it was about twenty-seven degrees to the west and south of the sun. The positions for the 12th and 13th cable by Captain MARKHAM did not agree well with that given by M. CRULS, but the former's means of observation were perhaps not very good, or else there was some error in the figures as received, for there can be little if any doubt that the same object was referred to. Nor does there seem to be any reason for doubting that the comet we now see is the one that was thus discovered on the 12th September.

In Great Britain the first discoverer appears to have been Mr. A. A. COMON, of Ealing, a well-known amateur astronomer, who, while observing the sun on the morning of the 17th September, found a comet very close to it, in fact less than half of the sun's diameter from his southern limb or edge. The identity of this comet with that of M. CRULS and Captain MARKHAM had not been established, for want of sufficient data for the purpose, but there is very good ground for supposing them to be the same. From Mr. COMON's observations, the place of his comet at Greenwich mean noon of the 17th September was in Right Ascension 11 h. 34 m., and Declination 1 deg. 42 min. North. It was therefore in close proximity to the sun, still a little to the south and west of it; and it was moving rapidly to the east and north. It must then have been very near its perihelion passage. A week later, as we know from observations in this region, it had reversed the direction of its motion, and was again many degrees west of the sun, and it has moved westward ever since. In the latter remarks it is of course assumed that the comet now visible to us and the objects observed by Messieurs CRULS, MARKHAM and COMON are

all one and the same—an assumption we make with due reserve, pending the receipt of further information by the next mail. Mr. COMON described his comet as having a bright nucleus, and a tail about 4 min. long, in which the brightness was so distributed at the two sides as to give it the appearance of a double tail. It was observed the next day, September 18th, at Lord CRAWFORD's Observatory, Dunecht, in a position implying that its retrograde motion had already begun. The spectrum of the nucleus was continuous, with many bright lines, indicative of a glowing gas.

The conjecture hazarded in our note of the 20th inst. that this might possibly be the expected comet of 1812 is now disproved by the information from home which, as we took care to point out, could alone settle the question. M. CRULS made the same conjecture, but is corrected by *Nature* of the 21st September, which remarks that "this is certainly an oversight." Were the comet of 1812 in the right ascension observed by M. CRULS on the 12th September, its declination would be much further north than that observed if the comet were approaching perihelion, and much further south if it were receding therefrom. Another comet was discovered on the 10th September, by Mr. BARNARD, presumably at Nashville, Tennessee. It was then a small circular object about 2 min. in diameter, with some central condensation. This one also cannot be the comet of 1812.

Does the *Daily Press* actually believe that the community of Hongkong and the members of the Social Science Congress are brainless fools? If not, what is the meaning of the half column of ardent rubbish which appears as a leading article in this morning's issue of that estimable journal? We are lost in wonderment at our contemporary's guileless simplicity. The article in question is supposed to be a comparison, founded on statistical returns, between the number of crimes committed in this Colony during the periods from 1872 to 1876 and 1877 to 1881 respectively. The object is to prove that a statement made by Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY before the Social Science Congress at Nottingham in regard to the repression of crime in Hongkong was flagrantly false. His Excellency, in the course of his remarks, stated that one result of his criminal policy in this Colony had been an immense diminution in crime and outrage. And, as a matter of fact, he was perfectly correct in making this assertion, as even his bitterest political opponents frankly admit. The statistician (?) of the *Daily Press* is the only person who refuses to acknowledge what everybody knows to be the truth; and to prove Governor HENNESSY a deliberate perverter of actual facts, or rather, to use his own peculiar phraseology, to demonstrate "the utter falsity" of His Excellency's assertion, this remarkable genius rushes bull-headed into what he is pleased to try and palm off on the public as trustworthy and reliable statistics. We have no intention of going into detail and showing their discoveries to England. M. CRULS announced that it was visible to the naked eye in the morning sky, and that its position at 5h. 14m. a.m. (Rio mean time) on the 12th was in Right Ascension 9h. 48m., and Declination 2 deg. 1min. South; that is to say, it was about twenty-seven degrees to the west and south of the sun. The positions for the 12th and 13th cable by Captain MARKHAM did not agree well with that given by M. CRULS, but the former's means of observation were perhaps not very good, or else there was some error in the figures as received, for there can be little if any doubt that the same object was referred to. Nor does there seem to be any reason for doubting that the comet we now see is the one that was thus discovered on the 12th September.

This worthy person clearly proves of what metal he is made by alluding to Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY as "the Ex-Governor." This shows little-mindedness with a vengeance, and is exactly what might have been expected from such a quarter. Now, we think it will be admitted that as far as is known to the contrary, Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY is still Governor of Hongkong; nor will it be denied that, as his general policy during his term of office here has, notwithstanding the almost unqualified approval of Her Majesty's Government, and given universal satisfaction in all political, scientific, and social circles at home, it is almost an absolute certainty he will remain Governor until the expiration of his term of office. We remember about a year ago, at a time when the wildest rumours were flying about thick and fast that Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY was to be recalled, said rumours being published in more or less authoritative fashion by our local contemporaries, asking His Excellency if there was any foundation for the reports as to his probable recall. The Governor's reply was: "I am on the best of terms with the Colonial Office, my policy has almost invariably received Lord KILGCREST's approval, and there is therefore not the slightest chance of my being removed from this Colony until my term of office expires—or until Her Majesty the Queen sees fit to promote me to a higher position." Events have proved that Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY's views were prophetically accurate to the letter. He is still Governor of Hongkong, and he will give up that position on promotion to higher dignities and greater honors. However

galling it may be to the factious opposition, who never had the prudence to know when they had gone far enough, Governor HENNESSY has undoubtedly beaten them most decisively at their own game, and this fact cannot be set aside, face it out as they will. If our morning contemporary is particularly anxious to make a show of their statistical authority, we would suggest that the wonderful one be supplied with a pair of frilled trousers and a green parasol, and sent up to the Kennedy Road at the fashionable hour when the youth and beauty of the Colony congregate on that pleasant promenade, where he will be certain to create a sensation, and gain the dearly loved notoriety his *déshonneur* of doctored statistics will never achieve.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 29th October, were:—European 171, Chinese 2,403; total 2,574.

COLONEL Napillon, Commanding Royal Engineer, proceeds to Singapore by the *Kailash*, on departmental duty, we understand.

THERE will be a parade and inspection of the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades, at the Central Fire Brigade Station, on Thursday next, at 3.30 p.m.

A REGULAR CONVOCACTION of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-night, the 31st instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock, precisely.

LIEUT. Stapole, and battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, recently promoted from colonel sergeant in the Buffs, proceeds home by the outgoing mail steamer to join his regiment, which is stationed, we believe, in Enniskillen, Ireland.

We would remind the votaries of sport that the Racecourse will, in accordance with ancient custom, be formally opened for training purposes, to-morrow morning. As "Taylor" is reported to have laid in a large stock of his celebrated mixtures, we shall expect to see a large turn out.

SAYS the *Hioho News*:—The *Oauka Shimpo* increases its readers' knowledge of foreigners and their ways of enjoying themselves by publishing a statement that some foreign residents of Kobe are making preparations to hold a grand dog-fight! We hope the *Shimpo* will favour us with a report of the proceedings.

MIGHT we be permitted to respectfully suggest to His Excellency the Administrator, who has kindly accorded his patronage to the performance at the City Hall on the 7th proximo for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Mr. Boyd of the Commissariat Department, that it would tend greatly to make the affair a success if His Excellency, as a special favor, would grant a licence, at a nominal charge, to one of the respectable hotels, for the sale of refreshments at the City Hall during the two nights of the performance. This concession, we are confident, would add very considerably to the receipts, as there are a great many "thirsty souls" in the colony who would gladly be present if only they could "wet their whistles" during the intervals.

We have received from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh some specimens of their new Christmas, New Year, and Birthday Cards, of which they are showing a large and varied stock. All tastes and descriptions of customers have been studied in selecting these Cards, as they range in price from five cents to five dollars each, and in design from the monkey pulling the nuts from amidst the burning embers with the cat's paw, to the elegant hand painted work of art by some of our most eminent and best known artists. It would be impossible to describe the variety of Cards now on view; they only require to be seen to be admired and appreciated. A visit to the Xmas, New Year, and Birthday Card department of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh will well repay those who have an eye for the artistic, and are anxious to send a reminder to an absent friend.

ROBERT WALLACE ANTIVIS, the cook of the *Ruthin* who, as reported in yesterday's issue, shoved the steward's head into a pan in the galley, and tried to keep it there, also knocking him about considerably, was up again this morning before Captain Thomsett. The case was remanded yesterday, in order that the master of the *Ruthin* might be subpoenaed. That jolly skipper appeared this morning, and, with the greatest impartiality, stated that the cook and the steward were always quarrelling, and that there was nothing to choose between them, one being quite as bad as the other and a—disgrace. In view of this disclosure, Captain Thomsett quadrated matters by binding both over in personal security of \$25 each to behave themselves for a month, by which time we hope they will have adjusted their little differences and shaken hands together over a glass of Old Tom.

AN unemployed Malay Seaman summoned two other Malay seamen to the Police Court this morning for assault. According to the complainant's statement he saw the defendants imbibing samshu, upon his returning to All's boarding house on Saturday night. One of them invited him to join in the "booze," but refusing, on the ground that the poison did not belong to them, this fellow got angry and went for him, giving him a black peeper. The other defendant also joined in the striking. Complainant admitted that he was not quite sober, which makes it all the more strange that he should have refused the fire-water offered to him. Both defendants denied striking the complainant, who, they said, came to the house drunk, and fell down and cut himself. They were discharged, the conflicting statements made not being reconcilable by the magisterial mind.

A WEST Country special jurymen proposed a decidedly novel and original plan for the assistance of jurymen when in doubt about the verdict—a plan by which, if generally adopted, much valuable time might be saved. "If we can have a few minutes private conversation with Mr. —" (naming the counsel for the plaintiff), said the gentleman in question, "I feel sure we shall be able to agree at once." The learned counsel referred to was quite willing to accommodate the jury in the manner suggested, and we are convinced the result predicted would have followed; but, such is the prejudice of the age we live in, the counsel for the defendant, and, indeed, the learned judge who was trying the cause, objected to this simple and efficacious mode of proceeding. Their minds must evidently be still affected by the old dictum, long since overruled, *Fiat justitia ruat cælum*.

THE *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* tells a story from the courts of justice. A young gentleman learned in the law, but somewhat inexperienced in his administration, was defending a woman charged with stealing a purse from the pocket of her companion. Just as he had in most eloquent strains, as he thought, thoroughly convinced the jury that not only was it morally impossible that a respectable woman like the prisoner could have done such a sinful deed, but also that it was physically impossible, because she was nowhere near the prosecutrix at the time the money was taken, the wretch-leant over the dock and whispered, in an aside plainly audible throughout the entire court, "Mister! Mister! Tell them I did it when I was tussled with liquor!" That lady expiated her offence by a few months' incarceration in the county goal. We fear if the learned counsel who defended her had been allowed to pass sentence she would have been buried in the precincts thereof.

A WELL-KNOWN London literary lion is responsible for the following yarn, which has more than a smack of truth in it, and shows that even in times gone by there were men who "bossed" newspapers who considered their duty to the public was to look after "number one," and let truth, justice, honor, independence, and a suffering community look after themselves. We cannot do the story to the geniuses who run the *Fried Fish Wrapper* and *Morning Maudsley*, and if it only brings a slight sense of justice to their beleaguered minds, it may relieve the public of Hongkong from being further pestered by the so-called scandals of Sir John Pope Hennessy, even although such a consummation be attained at the loss of a few "ads" from the admirers (?) of that unpopular (?) statesman. Here is the yarn:—A great many years ago, when I was young and—I had almost written charming, but that is just exactly what I was not, or if I were personally so, my writings did not at all seem to charm the proprietors of newspapers, which is a matter of the greatest importance to a young journalist, as, if they fail to please the hard-headed "bosses," they have little chance of charming the public—comparatively inexperienced, money was frequently scarce commodity with me, and I often had a toughish job to make ends meet. I was living in an important City, writing for the local press and sending occasional articles to various London "mags" many of which came back marked "unsuitable." There were five newspapers (daily and weekly) in our town, and we boasted of two high-class theatres, besides other places of public amusement. My attention was attracted to an advertisement one day which followed an "appalling catastrophe," detailed at considerable length in one of our prints; the "ad" ran thus:—

"Wanted, a Dramatic Cricket to make himself general useful. Must know how to put french words in, and rite a good hand." I must confess that I was by no means in love with the "ad," but having an overdue outfallers' bill hanging over me, I thought I would try and add to my slender stock of cash by supplying the required criticisms. On the following morning I presented myself at the office of the paper and found two other "genies" waiting, evidently after the billet. One of the two was a tall, well-dressed, gentlemanly looking fellow, who, I may mention *en passant*, has since made his mark in the literary world in more lines than one; the other person was a small, seedy looking chap, dressed in rather cloudy moulton pants, and an indescribable upper tog, which looked like a Chesterfield converted into a shooting jacket. We were all ushered into the mighty presence together, when the "boss," without much ceremony, said "Are you covers the dramatical crickets?" "We har," ejaculated Mr. Moleckin, which brought a smile of approval to the face of the talented editor and proprietor. I simply bent my head in token of assent, the other applicant doing likewise. "Now," said the gifted *littérateur*, turning his eyes on Mr. —, "what do you think is the chief duty of a dramatical cricket?" The reply came very quietly in these words:—"To write fearless and straightforward pieces, infusing into the critiques a vein of satire or of humour when the subject appears to demand it." Hum, jess so, said Mr. Editor, turning to me; and "what's yours?" I must confess that I felt rather faint as I said, "I can only echo the sentiments of the gentleman who has spoken." "And yours?" once more said the proprietor, nodding to "moleckin." "To prevail on the proprietors of the *theres* to give the *red* plenty of bloomin' huds," was the prompt reply. "Right!" shouted the boss: "go up. You're engaged." And five minutes later the new recruit was merrily tripping through the streets to fetch his new master's noonday snack from the pie-shop. And thus was added one more genius to the ranks of those who believe in the well worn saying that "the pen is mightier than the sword." I left the place in disgust in company with the other unsuccessful candidate, and when we got outside we laughed heartily at the ludicrousness of the whole affair. We repaired to a convenient tavern and "liquored" up, and thus commenced a friendship which has kept warm for over a quarter of a century. I afterwards learned that the gentleman (?) whose situation we had been looking after had recently passed away on "the rocks" after having devalued his boot uppers and drunk his last procurable half-pint of kerosene. "Such is life."

MIRACULOUS. For the first time for ever so many years, if, indeed, it ever occurred before in Hongkong, all the heads of Departments are present in the Colony, the actual head of the Executive alone excepted, so we may now expect to see the wheels of Government go along at a rattling pace. Whether the phenomenon referred to portends the near approach of another deluge, or the final consummation of all things terrestrial, we are not in a position to say.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT COMMISSARY General Rice, Commissariat and Transport Department, who arrived by the *Lombardy* on Saturday, comes, we hear, to relieve Quartermaster Joyce in charge of the Barrack Stores, Mr. Joyce returning to England. Though no official instructions have been yet received on the subject from the War Office, the above is believed to be the arrangement intended. Mr. Rice was on his way from Natal to join the expedition in Egypt, but, the war having concluded, was ordered to China.

BISHOP MOORHOUSE, Judge Williams and Judge Holroyd are three of the smartest amateur walkers on the other side of the Murray. The Bishop thinks nothing of a fifteen miles tramp in the country, and on one occasion walked thirty miles through the ranges to deliver a lecture in an almost inaccessible Alpine township. Judge Holroyd can do his five miles an hour with ease, and Judge Williams, in addition to his well-known pedestrian proclivities, handles the gloves with the best of the talent. He had many a bout with Jim Mac when that worthy ran the Athletic Hall, in Bourke-street East. He is also a "rowist" of no mean reputation, and in summer frequently, after donning the ermine, and sentencing some poor devil to five years' hard labour, he may be seen having a quiet pull up the river beneath the shadow of the willows.

WRITING of the eminent "Bawsting" lecturer, the Revd. Joseph Cook, who promised to hold forth in the Union Church here, and didn't stick to his word, which caused some little ill feeling amongst the "unco guid," a well-known paper has the following:—Joe Cook gets, in Brisbane, £40 a lecture and his keep. The speculators don't so much mind about the £40, but what crushes them is his keep. Like all godly men, Joe-oseph has a prodigious power—showered down on him, doubtless, from on High—of concealing victuals. As a pork punisher he is unrivalled, it being quite a spectacular treat to see him assault a roast leg and crackling. There is a legend in Brisbane to the effect that, when going out towards the racecourse one morning to pray unobserved, he met a small mob of cattle led by a very old working bullock. Cook blushed up to the eyes when he saw this installation of the race of which he had been such a demonic demoliisher, and tried to turn off, but the old bullock walked gravely in front of the eminent Bostonian, and shook his head sadly three times. This is about the only Cookish incident of even comparative general interest that hasn't yet been published. We give it to the world for what it is worth. We know ourselves exactly what it is worth. But, not being vain-glorious, we will be mute on the subject.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

CRICKET REPORTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—From the standpoint of a non-technical reader, your reports on some of the late matches at Cricket are viewed in a comical, rather than a serious light.

It may be noticed from one report that the first lot of players went to the wickets and made a *poor show*, and that though there were many who were well supported, a bad beginning was made, and one player was compelled to retire leg before, through being clean bowled by the scorers.

Then the field assumed a different complexion, and a vacant wicket was struck out. One man being well set, hit out with great confidence and punished all the bowlers (this was very wrong of him)—and a newcomer who was cramped in his style managed to pull the game out of the fire.

There was one other "clubbist" who got into double figures, and dashed his club into the wicket, demolishing the sticks, and bowling a wide at a fast pace; but not noticing that there were three wickets to fall, was stopped by a "scorcher" from the "raquetters."

The grass course being too hard for galloping on, the balls for this interesting match were not got on terms for the "non coms," who were quite unused to long on for a drive.

But, as the report further states, "you can't most always sometimes never generally tell" how these events will subside, and much astonishment was evinced when a fashionable player discarded his "willow," and took up a *quarterfiddle* of threes after breaking his "duck" by finding the way to his stumps.

It seems to any bystander easy enough to "get over the fence to leg for four," but when you have a full hand and are driven to field there is no probability of being bowled for a cypher, especially if at all *shy with the leather*; this may seem weak, but when the festive hour for luncheon is at hand the strongest bat is the *first* over, and would be likely to take two lives on a *slight run*, leaving the rest to carry out his bat for five.

You will excuse any little irregularities in this review, knowing as you must that I am, strictly speaking, a *muff* at the game, but you must acknowledge, at the same time that the tendency to pad the balls is altering that elegant mode of expression which was formerly heard when operations were confined to scoring the figure of 9 with the tail rubbed out, but from the aforesaid *mid* of position I may safely retire.

OUTSIDE THE FENCE.

HONGKONG, 31st October, 1882.

"THAMES-STREET INDUSTRIES" by Percy Russell. This illustrated Pamphlet on Penmanship, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in Penmanship, in the World, or JOHN CORNELL & Co., London. (Adv.)

FOOCHOW.

An error occurred in our last week's passenger list by stating that Captain J. C. Saunders was a passenger by the steamship *Glinagla*. We have since learnt that a Captain Saunders was shipped as first mate of this vessel, but he is no relation of the esteemed Pagoda resident.

We received information of a most distressing accident occurring one day last week at the Arsenal at Pagoda Anchorage. It appears that a Chinese youth, between the age of seven and eight years, concealed himself behind a target during musketry practice, with a view to picking up the bullets. Just prior to the "cease firing" there was some unaccountable delay between the shots, and the unfortunate boy ejected his head to receive a pierced brain. There is some consolation in learning that death was instantaneous, and that the sad affair was purely accidental, although the catastrophe is most lamentable.

The Poonkee case is at last settled, and after the controversy which has existed between attorney and client, we can only express a hope that, for the future, only qualified practitioners may be allowed to conduct cases where either plaintiff or defendant are resident in the Port. The licence of Power of Attorney was never intended to extend to cases similar to the one recently decided, and the sooner it is understood that litigants must either support or defend their own actions, or engage legal aid, the better for the ends of justice. The plaintiff in the present suit will undoubtedly see the advisability of adopting this course if he is again compelled to enter into litigation.—*Herald*.

THE WELLS COMET, AS SEEN IN SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Concerning this visitor, Mr. Russell, the government astronomer at Sydney, Australia, says:—"The comet has lost much of the brilliancy it had when I first saw it on the 15th of June, but the tail has extended enormously. On the 19th it could be traced distinctly for 20 degrees upward, and with a slight curve to south; at its widest part it was fully 2 degrees. This evening (June 20th) the comet is altogether much fainter, partly because of the moonlight, and partly because it is receding from the earth and the sun. I endeavored to get a determination of the spectrum, but could only make out a faint continuous spectrum and three bright bands, probably the usual comet spectrum, which is almost exactly the same as that of coal gas. Owing to the moonlight and faintness of the comet through haze, I could not get complete measures of the spectrum. It is satisfactory, so far, that the comet is simply composed of gas; how attenuated it must be will be obvious from the fact that on June 18th the nucleus passed close to two small stars, so that the tail passed between us and them, and I could not detect any difference in the light of the star when seen through the comet's tail and without any intervening cometary matter. The comet will probably be visible with a telescope until September; but, although it is a very fine comet, it has not attained the magnificence that the early observers anticipated. Like the great comet of 1880-1843, its perihelion is made very close to the sun, and a much finer display was expected than has been made, and it must now decrease in brilliancy, although the tail may get longer. The comet was discovered on March 18th, by Mr. Wells, Albany, New York.—*Scientific American*.

DEATH OF "BLAIR ATHOL."

This celebrated horse died at the Pound Stud, near Cobham, on Sept. 3, from inflammation of the lungs and kidneys. Blair Athol was bred by the late Mr. William L'Anson in 1861, and was by Stockwell out of Blink Bonny, and consequently had some of the very best racing blood in his veins. His career on the turf was a short one, for he did not make his appearance on a racecourse until three years old, and retired to the stud at the end of the season of 1864. He did not retire without an unbeaten certificate, however, for he lost two of the seven races in which he took part; but for all that he was considered by many good judges to be the best horse ever foaled. For the Derby, in which he made his debut, he was extensively backed, William L'Anson having tried him so highly that he thought defeat impossible, but he did not remain firm in the quotations after his arrival at Epsom, and started at 100 to 7; but he won every easily, and proved that no mistake had been made by his trainer and owner. Then he was sent over to France to take part in the Grand Prix de Paris; but the journey upset him, and he found his conqueror in Vermeux, who beat him easily by two lengths. The grass was not allowed to grow under the feet of Stockwell's son, who returned to England and appeared on the following Friday at Ascot, where in the Epsom Trial he was opposed by Hopper and Ely. The latter was unplaced in the Derby, but he had beaten Fille de l'Air, Knight of Snowden, and ten others in the Prince of Wales's Stakes, and slight odds were betted on his beating Blair Athol. However, the Derby running was confirmed by the Malton horse winning easily, and he was placed at Goodwood, where the Gratitude Stakes and the Zealand Stakes fell to his share, for he won the former easily and walked over for the latter. At York he was pulled out for the Great Yorkshire Stakes, and though penalised 7 lb., odds of 7 to 4 were betted on him, but here he was beaten by Miler, whose outracing caused a rare surprise, for in the old Three-year-old Produce Stakes two days previously he had been beaten by Ely, who was only third this time. The defeat of Blair Athol was a luke, however, and he started favourite for the St. Leger, which he won easily; the second place being occupied by General Peel, who was also second to him in the Derby. This brought his career to a close, and he was relegated to the stud, where he gained even a greater name than he had earned on the racecourse. For some years his progeny failed to stay, and until Craig Millar won the St. Leger in 1875 it was not believed that he would get a stay; but Silvio, who also claimed him for a sire, won both the Derby and St. Leger. Prince Charlie was the only two Thousand Guineas winner that he ever sired, and none of his stock ever won the Oaks; but two of his daughters, Scottish Queen and Cecilia, won the One Thousand Guineas. Many other good horses were got by Blair Athol, who was more than once sold, and when the late Mr. Jackson, of Farnfield, disposed of him he was purchased by the late Mr. Blenkinsop for 5,000 guineas. On the break up of that gentleman's stud 12,500 guineas were given for him, for the Cobham Stud, where he remained until last September, when he was put up for sale and knocked down to Mr. Stewart for 1,500 guineas.

THE BRIG "HERMANN" IN A TYPHOON.

Captain Richter of the German brig *Hermann* has supplied the *Hong Kong Telegraph* with particulars of his eventful voyage. The *Hermann*, a vessel of 31 tons register, left Newchwang on the 23rd of last month for Kobe laden with beans. Fine weather was experienced until off Quelpart, when a strong gale set in from the northward, but after this moderated it again became fine, and there was every appearance of a prosperous voyage. On the 10th instant, however, in Lat. 31° 8' N. and Long 132° 38' E. the *Hermann* encountered the full force of a typhoon, which quickly reduced her to a disabled state, and made the ultimate escape of the vessel and those on board almost a miracle. At half past two o'clock in the morning of the 11th, the brig being then under the main lower topsail alone, the typhoon burst with such violence that even this small canvas was more than the vessel could bear, and as it was dangerous to send men aloft the sheets were slackened up and the sail allowed to blow away. This eased her for a little, but between three and four o'clock the wind increased and a terrible gust from the north-north-east threw the vessel on her beam ends, the seas making a clean breach over her. The barometer at this time stood at 28.45. The fore-mast was at once cut away, and in its fall stove in the deck. Then the main-mast was cut away, and the brig righted the seas came over her in all directions, smashing the skylights and carrying away bulwarks, boats, and deck gear. Two Japanese were at this time washed overboard, but a rope being thrown to one he was hauled back, and the other got among the wreckage alongside and managed to make his way on board again. Shortly afterwards another tremendous sea broke over the unfortunate brig, and this time smashed the wheel, bent the spindle, and carried away the pump wheel. The same sea dashed Captain Richter against the spokes of the wheel, by which he sustained some rather severe injuries in the groin. Both masts and several of the sails were much bruised, and also cut by the glass of the skylights. The weather now commenced to improve, and all hands set to work at the pumps after a makeshift wheel was improvised. By three in the afternoon the *Hermann* was cleared of water and found not to be leaking. Then a jury foremast was rigged up, the jib-boom being used for the purpose, while the spanker boom was utilized as a main-mast. On the 13th the British steamer *Caranvorshire* hove in sight, and Captain Richter hoisted the German flag. The steamer sent a boat alongside and Captain Patrick urged Captain Richter to abandon the brig. This, however, he declined to do, and was supported in his determination by both his officers and crew of Japanese. The *Caranvorshire* then attempted to tow the *Hermann*, but the hawser broke, and after another effort to induce Captain Richter to abandon the disabled *Hermann*, the steamer continued her course to Yokohama. The crew of the brig continued getting things in order, and improving their jury rig, and on the 14th the Japanese barque *Sithoro-maru* sighted and bore down to the brig. The Captain of the barque kindly offered to furnish Captain Richter with whatever spars or other gear assistance he required, but although very grateful Captain Richter declined. On the 15th the coast near Oshima was sighted, and at six o'clock yesterday morning Oshima point bore east, distant about 25 miles. At nine o'clock the *Takago-maru* came up and took the *Hermann* in tow, and both vessels arrived here safely last evening at six o'clock.

Captain Richter has desired us to express his thanks for the kindness he received at the hands of Captain Patrick, Captain Young, of the *Takago*, and the Captain of the Japanese barque, especially the latter having been particularly desirous of rendering assistance, and being quite annoyed that he was unable to be of service.—Higo News.

THE MISSIONARIES AND THE LOSS OF THE "EUROPE."

On this vexed subject the *Foochow Herald* of October 26th has the following:

We have observed a letter appearing in the *Hong Kong Daily Press* regarding the recent wreck of the S.S. *Europe*, with Editor's note appended. Although receiving numerous letters upon the subject shortly after the accident, we considered it advisable for the Missionary cause, to allow the subject to die by degrees out of the minds of those who were justly irate. Now, however, that the Missionary in question is attempting to vindicate his character, and justify his conduct, we feel compelled to review the matter. Captain Bendall, upon the loss of his vessel, undoubtedly received extreme kindness from some Foochow ladies, (whom he publicly thanked through the medium of our columns) but his crew were evidently treated quite the reverse by one more capable, if desirous, of rendering assistance to the needy. The province and duties of Missionaries in China is, we opine, to first succour their distressed fellow-countrymen, and cases where help is required are fortunately isolated. The duties of a Missionary in China cannot be considered as onerous, and his establishment is, as a rule, commodious, and capable of receiving casual unfortunate. Now the facts of the present case show, that upon the utter wreck of the steamship *Europe*, hospitality—aye even shelter—was refused by the Missionary in question, who actually added insult, by questioning the bona fides of the wreck, and dictating to, and casting blame upon the Officer, as though he were a large shareholder in the Company in which the steamship *Europe* was insured.

The *locus in quo* is peculiarly situated, and it was only natural for the Officer of a wrecked vessel to apply for assistance to this description of foreigner, who is calculated to possess the sincerest feelings of sympathy. If instances of shipwreck were of frequent occurrence in this locality, we could imagine even the most charitably disposed becoming misanthropic; but where so few instances arise, and when any little casual expenditure would readily meet the needs of our Consuls (even if the owners of the vessel, or the individuals were loth to refund for any outlay) the offence of not affording temporary assistance is unpardonable. The idea of the Mission is, we conceive, *inter alia*, to imbue the natives with the virtue of charity, and example is the only method of illustrating to them what real charity consists of, for undoubtedly charity and gratitude are the two missing links in a Chinaman's disposition. "Charity may begin at home," but in a foreign country where friends are not at a discount, we should expect to see a fellow-countryman substantially assisted when in distress. We hear, and they hear in England, of the efficacy of the Missionary's labour, but a case like the present must naturally, if ventilated, make our home ties reticent in subscribing funds which they are under the impression are dispersed amongst their fellow countrymen, when need requires, as well the natives. The Missionary in question discovered his error too late to condone the moral offence of which he was guilty, and the subject very naturally, and properly, became ventilated.

Although we can scarcely hope, the even upon reflection, and mature consideration, this gentleman's heart may become less hardened, still we would sincerely hope, for the sake of his position, and considering that his fellows are dependent upon the voluntary subscriptions received from home, as well as China, that for the future he will strive to retain the good name for the Mission-cause by which alone it can hope to prosper in the midst of a sensitive, observant, and peculiar race of people such as the Chinese.

LOTTERIES IN THE FAR EAST.

The following remarks on the Manila and Chinese lotteries, which we take from the *Japan Weekly Mail* of the 14th inst., should commend themselves to the numerous supporters and dupes of these discreditable speculations.

The Chinaman is a shrewd gentleman. He contrives to extract some modicum of milk and honey from materials so barren that they would deter any less patient and thrifty exploiter. A notable example lies before us in the shape of a piece of paper bearing a tolerably close resemblance to a greenback. For pictorial design it is ornamented with an eagle, under whose outspreading wing are two numbers, one in Roman, the other in Chinese characters. It bears, besides, three unintelligible Chinese seals and the following words and figures:—

The drawing is consists of ONE OF PARTHUNDRED LOTTERY and 777 prizes viz:

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| 1p of \$300.00 | 50p of \$100 |
| 1p of 200.00 | 25p of 50.00 |
| 1p of 100.00 | 10p of 20.00 |
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Any one who has ever been so foolish as to invest in a Manila lottery ticket will immediately observe the resemblance its conditions bear to this grotesque document. Truth to tell, the Chinaman's ticket is meant to be in part a facsimile of the one issued by the Spanish speculators. The celestial knows (who better?) that His Satanic Majesty undertakes most of his terrestrial promenades in the garb of a gambler, and that the spirit of speculation can gain admittance anywhere provided only it suits itself to its company. A Manila lottery ticket originally costs five dollars in gold, but can only be purchased here by a disbursement of six silver *pesos*. There are of such tickets twenty-five thousand to each drawing, the value of the tickets consequently amounting to \$125,000, gold, while the prizes are 777, their total value being \$93,750. Thus for every thousand tickets there are 31 prizes, approximately, and their value is 75 per cent. of their cost. The Chinaman, however, seeks a market among persons who cannot afford to pay six silver *pesos* or even sixty cents—for the Manila tickets are also sold in tenths. He accordingly purchases a ticket and strikes off one hundred greenbacks, each bearing the number of the ticket. These he sells, at 20 cent each, thus converting his six silver *pesos* into 20 paper *pesos*. The holders of these fractional tickets lose nothing so far as their chances are concerned, but in the Chinaman's lottery the total value of the prizes is only 37 per cent. of the total cost of the tickets. No sane man would willingly risk his money in such a wild speculation as this, but the Celestial provides against doubt by printing the conditions of the lottery in Roman characters only, so that there is little likelihood of the ticket conveying information to the class of customers he affects.

All this is shrewd enough, but it is not a pitiable thing to think that the money of men who can ill spare it should be inveigled out of them by such cunning and unprincipled devices? We have commented long since, ere now, on the fact that although lotteries are illegal in Japan and although the police make every effort to stop them, exterritoriality confers upon foreigners the privilege of setting the laws of the country at defiance and openly carrying on a nefarious trade which would not be tolerated for a moment in England. Our arguments were of course met by the pious pretext that the Japanese themselves acted as agents for the sale of the tickets and that the authorities winked at the affair. Whatever value one attaches to such a subterfuge, it has now ceased to have any significance, since a notice has been issued forbidding Japanese to take any part in the sale of lottery tickets or other business connected with them. But of what use is such a regulation when a Chinaman is at liberty not only to sell the tickets to Japanese but also to make, on his own account, a secondary lottery out of every original ticket? These very classes of the people for whose protection and restraint laws are specially designed, are thus exposed to be exploited by every unprincipled adventurer, and by the assistance of the Chinese residents a bawdy or coo is enabled to snap his fingers at regulations essential to the preservation of public morality. This is a charming state of affairs, and we may well be proud of a civilization which has brought such barbarism in its train.

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THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and O. steamer *Delight*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 10th October, and is due here about the 8th November.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 21st October, and may be expected here on or about the 19th November.

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The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 30th October, and may be expected here on or about the 6th November.

The steamer *Gordon Castle* left Singapore on the 31st October, and is due here on or about the 7th November.

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